

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- Talk about your experience of studying Mark during the week, hearing the sermon then discussing/applying it in your Small Group? i.e. the power of reinforcement!
- How have you tended to struggle with a Superiority Complex(I don't need any help) or Inferiority(I can't seem to ever measure up comparing myself to others)

STUDY

This week we focus on Jesus dealing with crowds and the disciples actually practicing His teachings.

What was the most impactful passage/event in the sermon this week?

1. Read Mark: 6:6-13 2X2 & Participants

- a. What are the potential perils and power of working in pairs? Disciples are no longer bystanders. What portion of your Faith Walk are you a Bystander vs Participant—more Passive vs Active?

2. Mark 6:30-42 Jesus & Disciples feed 5,000, Regularly retreating from crowds. Why did He often flee from crowds? What is your biggest take-away from this miracle? Why did He tell Them to feed the crowds. When did He specifically tell you to do something instead of Him doing it for you?

3. Mark 6:45-56. Jesus walks in a storm. Do you imagine it a struggle for Jesus to spend so much time talking w/ God instead of doing miracles? How would you have managed that struggle! To what extent have you accepted that storms are a part of life? When have you gone through an experience and it resolved, only later to recognize it was God at work? In what manner has your heart been hardened then softened by God?

4. Mark 7: 1-23. Jesus: Purification, Missing the Point, Prejudice, Humility

- a. How did the Pharisees study the Bible(OT) so diligently and get Christ so wrong?
- b. What is a specific prejudice you have held? What type of person have you tended to look down on? How does; or did specifically, God change your heart?

REFLECT

- Jesus told his disciples to take courage, don't be afraid. When have you been afraid and He gave you courage? How did he do that?

PRAY

- Pray for each other's need to practice more .
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission God has given to each of us to be Like Jesus-living that out daily.